

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 - 21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher which is suitable for carrying out a washing program comprising at least one washing process using rinsing water, comprising a program controller, a washing container for receiving items to be cleaned and a system for circulating the rinsing water and a storage reservoir for the rinsing water for storage and re-use at a later time of at least a part of the rinsing water present in the dishwasher characterised in that the storage reservoir is embodied as a film bag matched in size to the volume of the liquid.

23. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the film bag is formed of at least one of plastic and metal.

24. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the film bag is embodied so that it can hold several sets of the rinsing water.

25. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the dishwasher has a lye pump for pumping away the rinsing water from the dishwasher and a circulating pump for acting upon spray arms and the film bag can be filled with the rinsing water via a first rinsing water pipe from the lye pump.

26. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein a water deflector valve is provided which either opens the first rinsing water pipe when a shut-off valve from the lye pump to the film bag is opened or a second rinsing water pipe from the lye pump to a waste water pipe which is closed by means of a shut-off valve.

27. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the rinsing water is passed from the film bag via a third rinsing water pipe for re-introduction of the rinsing water into the rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher, which leads from the film bag into a pump sump in a lower area of the washing container.

28. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the first rinsing water pipe, a second rinsing water pipe, and a third rinsing water pipe can each be closed by means of a shut-off valve.

29. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according claim 22, wherein the dishwasher has a lye pump for pumping away the rinsing water from the dishwasher and a circulating pump for acting upon spray arms and a filter bag can be filled with filtered rinsing water by means of a filter system in the pump sump and by means of a first rinsing water pipe from the circulating pump.

30. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the first rinsing water pipe can be closed by a shut-off valve and a water deflector valve is provided which either releases one, both or none of the spray arms for acting upon with water.

31. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the rinsing water from the film bag for re-introduction of rinsing water can be passed via the first rinsing water pipe when a shut-off valve is opened via the switched-off circulating pump into a pump sump.

32. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein operation of a lye pump and/or a circulating pump and actuation of shut-off valves is controlled by means of the program controller.

33. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the film bag is arranged between an outer wall of the dishwasher and a side wall of the washing container of the dishwasher.

34. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the film bag is arranged between a top wall of the dishwasher and a top wall of the washing container.

35. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, wherein the film bag has at least one opening for introducing or removing rinsing water which opens into a first rinsing water pipe.

36. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein a flexible film bag and/or rinsing water pipes are coated on the water-guiding side at least in part with an anti-bacterial agent.

37. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher which is suitable for carrying out a washing program comprising at least one washing process using rinsing water, comprising a program controller, a washing container for receiving items to be cleaned and a system for circulating the rinsing water and a storage reservoir including a film bag for the rinsing water for storage and re-use at a later time of at least a part of the rinsing water present in the dishwasher, wherein the dishwasher has a lye pump for pumping away the rinsing water from the dishwasher and a circulating pump for acting upon the spray arms, characterised in that the storage reservoir can be filled with filtered rinsing water from the circulating pump.

38. (Previously Presented) A method for operating a dishwasher, especially comprising a device for storing rinsing water, wherein rinsing water present in the dishwasher at the end of or during a washing process is removed at least partly from the rinsing water circuit of the dishwasher and introduced into a flexible film bag, which is matched in its

size to the liquid volume and before or at the beginning of a following rinsing process is removed at least partly from the flexible film bag and fed back to the rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher.

39. (Previously Presented) The method for operating a dishwasher according to claim 38, wherein the rinsing water present in the dishwasher at the end of or during a clear rinse partial program step of a washing program is removed at least partly from the rinsing water circuit of the dishwasher and introduced into the flexible film bag, which is matched in its size to the liquid volume and before or at the beginning of a prewash partial program step of a following washing program is removed at least partly from the flexible film bag and fed back to the rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein the rinsing water is fed back into the rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher before or at the beginning of the intermediate rinse partial program step.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein the rinsing water present in the dishwasher is removed at least partly from a pump sump by means of the circulating pump via the filter system of the dishwasher provided there and filtered in the film bag.

42. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a dishwasher, comprising a device for storing rinsing water wherein the rinsing water present in the dishwasher at an end of or during a washing process is at least partly removed from a rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher and introduced into a storage reservoir including a film bag and before or at a beginning of a following rinsing process, is removed from the storage reservoir at least in part and is fed back to the rinsing water cycle of the dishwasher, characterised in that a the storage reservoir is filled with filtered rinsing water from a circulating pump.